

Comments in ET Docket 93-40

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In the matter of the Amendment of
Parts 2, 80 and 97 for an Allocation
of the 220 MHz Band for use by
the Amateur Radio Service.

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1. Even though additional spectrum may be required in a couple of cities for point-to-point use in the Amateur Radio Service, the Commission seems all too willing to fragment and otherwise limit the usefulness of the 216 to 220 MHz band for the Automated Maritime Telecommunications Service, a service for which a Region 2 allotment was sought and obtained at WARC-79, but which they now seem all too willing to abandon.

2. The Commission seems determined to do all it can to discourage use or expansion of AMTS. The instant proceeding seems to make this

~~clearer that the Commission has already allocated one half of the~~

Alternative spectrum.

8. An alternative that should be considered is the sharing of the 225 to 226 MHz segment of the 225 - 400 MHz band. Use would have to be coordinated with NMFA but if operation is as good as the